Weather

to be/feel under the weather

weather permitting

to throw caution to the wind

to sail close to the wind

to have one’s head in the clouds

under a cloud of suspicion

to leave sb out in the cold

to wait for the storm to pass

to be a breeze

rise and shine

fair-weather friend

to save sth for a rainy day

to be snowed under with sth

to weather the storm

to be (as) right as rain

to see which way the wind is blowing

come rain or shine

to sail against the wind

the calm before the storm

to have a face like thunder

to be on cloud nine

to get/have wind of sth

to make heavy weather of sth

Colours

out of the blue

in black and white

to see red

to be in the black

to give sb a black look

red tape

black and blue

to go/turn as red as a beetroot

blue-eyed boy

to give sb the red-carpet treatment

to keep sb in the dark (about/over sth)

to feel/look off-colour

to pass with flying colours

to catch sb red-handed

like a bolt from the blue

to be in the red

to feel blue

green with envy

to roll out the red carpet

a white lie

to look on the bright side

blue blood

to show one’s true colours

as green as grass

to paint the town red

to get the green light

as white as a sheet

a leap in the dark

blue movie

to scream blue murder

Things

to recharge one’s batteries

to tie the knot

to go to pieces

part and parcel of sth

to pick up the pieces

behind bars

to get the wrong end of the stick

to rise to the bait

to make a big thing out of sth

to stick to one’s guns

to go great guns

to be at the top of sb’s agenda

to keep a tight rein on sb/sth

to jump the gun

bits and pieces

vicious circle

lock, stock, and barrel

hidden agenda

to have a thing for sb

to be an item

to wave a magic wand

to carry the can

the other side of the coin

one thing leads to another

free rein

to bite the bullet

to give sb the sack

to know one’s stuff

to sleep like a log

to do sb’s own thing

it’s one thing after another

to leave sb to their own devices

Books

to do sth/to go by the book

to be in sb’s good/bad books

the bottom line

to take a leaf out of sb’s book

to be in the picture

a fine/thin line

to be on the line

to drop sb a line

to read between the lines

to get the pictures

to be an open book

turn-up for the book(s)

to be the spitting image of sb

from cover to cover

to be a picture of health

to be out of line

to cook the books

to draw the line at sth

somewhere along the line

a good read

to step out of line

along/on the same lines

(as) pretty as a picture

to take a hard line

light reading

to cut/make a long story short

Words

to have a quick word with sb

to be at a loss for words

in a word

to pop the question

to take sb at their word

to twist one’s words

to put words into sb’s mouth

famous last words

(right) form the word go

not know the meaning of the word

to put in a good word for sb

to take sb’s word for it

in other words

not mince one’s words

not breathe a word

by word of mouth

a man of one’s word

not get a word in edgeways

to eat one’s words

to keep one’s word

to take the words out of sb’s mouth

beyond words

to have the last word

to spread the word/news

there’s a question mark over sth

to go back on one’s word

word for word

Language

to say the least

there’s a lot to be said for sth

to say nothing of

not be on speaking terms

not take no for an answer

to get an earful

to lose a/one’s train of thought

to watch one’s language

as the saying goes

that is to say

so to speak

are you for real

nothing to speak of

it goes without saying

to spit sth out

to learn (one’s) lesson

to speak volumes

to speak one’s mind

you can say that again

now you’re talking

tell me about it

say cheese

you don’t say

you name it

the ABCs of sth

to talk at cross purposes

to call the shots

to put it mildly

to have (got) the gift of the gab

as a matter of fact

to tell it like it is

to teach sb a lesson

Numbers

to go/be back to square one

at first sight

the more the merrier

to give sb the third degree

six of one and half a dozen of the other

in seventh heaven

to talk nineteen to the dozen

first come, first served

to have a sixth sense

to have a second thoughts

to have forty winks

nine-to-five job

to put two and two together

to be second to none

nine times out of ten

third time lucky

to know a thing or two about sth

to knock sb for six

to look/feel like a million dollars

one in a million

first things first

at first hand

to be ten/ two a penny

to be at sixes and sevens

sb’s days are numbered

(to be) dressed up to the nines

to give sb a five

not know the first thing about sth

on all fours

sth is second nature to sb

Money, prices, measures, distance

to scrape the bottom of the barrel

to throw one’s weight around

the penny drops

to carry a lot of weight

miles better

not trust sb an inch

to take its toll

to be miles away

a pack of lies

to pay the price

not budge/give an inch

an unknown quantity

to be worth one’s/its weight in gold

to hang in the balance

to make a good living

to foot the bill

to live in the lap of luxury

to be coining it

to settle accounts with

golden handshake

to put money on sth

to be broke

to be as good as gold

to be quits

to strike gold

golden opportunity

a toss-up

to be like gold dust

Night and day

to call it a day

to take sth one day at a time

not in a month of Sundays

in the cold light of day

at the crack of dawn

it’s early days

it’ll be alright on the night

that’ll be the day

in broad daylight

the other day

tomorrow’s another day

a night on the town

the good old days

daylight robbery

at the end of the day

to have seen better days

to save the day

all in a day’s work

as if/like there’s no tomorrow

in this day and age

to make one’s day

for hours/days….on end

Time

in no time (at all)

to kill time

in the nick of time

to turn back time

to make time (to do sth)

for the time being

in the course of time

time flies

to keep abreast of the times

once-in-a-lifetime

at times

from time to time

in record time

to bide one’s time

race against time

to take one’s time

once upon a time

to take (things) one at a time

to have a whale of a time

to make good time

to be short of time

sign of the times

it’s about/ high time

time is money

to move with the times

to be ahead of one’s time

to stand the test of time

to hit the big time

to give sb a hard time

to have the time of one’s life

on the spur of the moment

once and for all

once in a blue moon

to be worth one’s while

now and again

in the long run

from/since the year dot

for a split second

a blast from the past

in the twinkling (of an eye)

once or twice

sooner or later

that’s ancient history

for ages

small hours

more or less

after all

once in a while

there and then

not in a million years

before long

to come of age

all at once

to be underage

in a flash

at once

long time no see

in a jiffy

golden age

Mind

to keep/have one’s wits about one

(to be) all in one’s mind

at the back of one’s mind

to bear sth in mind

sb’s mind goes blank

to put/set one’s mind at rest

to blow one’s mind

to change one’s mind

in one’s mind’s eye

to keep an open mind

to make up one’s mind

(to have) a one-track mind

to have sth on one’s mind

to give sb a piece of one’s mind

to be in two minds about (doing) sth

to give sb peace of mind

to cross one’s mind

to read sb’s mind

nobody in their right mind would do sth

to be bored out of one’s mind

to take one’s mind off sth

a weight/load off one’s mind

to put/set one’s mind to sth

to be out of one’s mind

to slip one’s mind

to mind one’s own business

to spring to mind

never mind

to have a mind of its own

to have a good mind to do sth

Sport

the cards are stacked against sb

to play ball

to hand over the baton

to play one’s cards right

to be a good sport

to keep the ball rolling

to get a kick out of sth

to be on the ball

to lay one’s cards on the table

to be plain sailing

to be skating on thin ice

to be in a league of one’s own

to fall at the first hurdle

to take the lead

to play safe

not pull one’s punches

to move the goalposts

to get/put one’s skates on

on a sticky wicket

to swim against the tide

to be on a winning/losing streak

to be on the cards

off one’s own bat

to put/stick one’s oar in

to get/set/start the ball rolling

a whole new ball game

to refuse to play ball

sink or swim

to slip through the/one’s net

the ball is in sb’s court

to drop the ball

when the chips are down

Place

to fall into place

to be down in the dumps/mouth

to be streets ahead (of sb/sth)

to cross that bridge when one comes to it

it’s all water under the bridge

to drive sb around/round the bend

to turn a/the corner

to burn one’s bridges

to be at a crossroads

to be in a tight corner

(to feel/be) out of place

to break the bank

the end of the road/line

light at the end of the tunnel

to cut corners

to go places

to be neither here nor there

to change places with sb

to go to any/great lengths

to put oneself in sb’s place/position

(to have sth / to be) in the pipeline

to be the talk of the town

(to be) in full swing

in the first place

to be right up sb’s street

hustle and bustle

a narrow escape

to open the floodgates

Transport

to change one’s ways

one way or another

to take its course

to run a tight ship

in due course

to rock the boat

to pave the way

to keep sb at a distance

(to be well) on the way/road to recovery

to keep/stay out of sb’s way

to stand in one’s way

to do/make a U-turn

to take sb for a ride

it’s my way or the highway

left, right and centre

to be in a rut

to have come a long way

to jump/leap/get on the bandwagon

off the beaten track

to miss the boat

to take a back seat

to put the brakes on

to go off the rails

all hands on deck

by accident

to wheel and deal

to lose track of sth

to be in the same boat

on track

to be back on track

to be on the right track

Art

to make an exhibition / a spectacle of oneself

(to make) a song and dance about sth

saved by the bell

behind the scenes

(as) fit as a fiddle

to set the stage for sth

to change one’s tune

to play first fiddle

to play second fiddle

to ring a bell

music to one’s ears

to run the show

to steal the show

to strike a chord

a broken record

at the top of one’s voice

for a song

the show must go on

to be in the spotlight

Life

to get/put one’s life back together

the life and soul of the party

life’s not a bed of roses

to make one’s life a misery

to be in the land of the living

a matter of life and/or death

from every walk of life

to throw sb a lifeline

can’t do sth to save one’s life

to frighten the life out of sb

to get the shock of one’s life

to be larger than life

to get a new lease of/on life

to do anything for a quiet life

to get a life

run for your life

a fact of life

this is the life

not for the life of me

the story of my life

to live one’s life in the fast lane

Death

to be (as) silent as the grave

over my dead body

to be a dead loss

to look like death warmed up

I’d rather die (than do sth)

to be dead lucky

to be at death’s door

to bore sb to death

dead end

to be dead in the water

to dice with death

to bite the dust

to dig one’s own grave

someone wouldn’t be seen dead doing sth

dead and buried

the kiss of death

to love sb to death

to give up the ghost

to be late for one’s own funeral

to be dead on one’s feet

the lesser of two evils

a necessary evil

dead-end job

between the devil and the deep blue sea

speak of the devil (and he shall appear)

ghost of a chance

to kill sb with kindness

to be dead meat

to have the luck of the devil

to make a killing